

You Asked, We Answered! Results from October 2019

Decor:

More artwork to represent cultures of the world & represent Jesus and the Blessed Mother in every ethnicity.	We can do this occasionally for a particular feast day. If you have permanent decor from all cultures, we don't have enough space for them all.
Decorate the church (Narthex and other rooms) for holidays and seasons.	We do decorations during special holidays and seasons.
Move tabernacle to the center behind the altar.	There's a lot of work involved in transferring the tabernacle. We can't do it at this time.

The Mass:

Eliminate all clapping	There's a reason for clapping when we have them at the Church and some of the liturgical celebrations are joyful and call for expressions of joy and there's nothing wrong with that gesture.
Deacons should give out communion - Not Women	There's nothing wrong with women who are well trained ministers to distribute communion and they are approved by the Church. If you prefer to receive from a deacon you may do so but women will continue to serve in this Church.
Children, Youth, and Teens need to dress better. Church Dress Code.	Everyone is expected to dress appropriately for the Church and primarily it's the work of the parents to implement them for their children. I am not implementing any dress code for the Church.
Ushers should have parishioners move to the middle of pews instead of people having to climb over them.	We will suggest to the ushers and encourage everyone to do so.
Ushers talking during consecration	Everyone is expected to observe silence including ushers
Eucharistic ministers need to visibly sanitize their hands.	The Eucharistic ministers are strongly advised to bring their own sanitizers and use them before they go to the altar and I trust them. We will not be visibly sanitizing hands at the altar.

Services:

Healing of the Sick offered once a month	We offer this twice a year and whenever a person requests for serious health reasons.
Hearing interpreter or devices for hearing impaired.	We are trying to secure devices for those impaired.
Magnificat in Spanish.	We are already providing magnificat in Spanish.
Stop charging supportive parishioners for services such as weddings/funerals.	We don't deny anyone funeral or wedding for lack of money. It has become practice among many parishes in the Diocese to give a donation for these services in addition to the regular offertory. This helps with the running of the parish ministries. If you notice our offertory is hardly enough to run the parish.
Eliminate some of the ministries offered. Parishioners need to be close to the mass, not ministries.	Ministries are necessary in parishes for they provide services to a greater number of parishioners and they are avenues for parishioners to be engaged and grow closer to the community.

Adoration:

Install kneelers (In the adoration chapel?)	We don't have sufficient space for kneelers at the adoration chapel and on weekends it's hard to take them out since we use it as 'cry room'.
Two people sign up for each hour (have phone numbers of those that can be contacted when needed).	We will get this done.

Disappointment over no Benediction after Wednesday Adoration.

We can only do Benediction on First Fridays and not when we have daily adoration. The purpose of daily adoration is to spend time alone with the Lord.

Faith Formation:

Lenten Mission Suggestion - Fr. Cedric Pisegna

We will look into this mission.